



Pennsylvania Policy Summit on Emerging Trends in Mental Health

**Courtyard Philadelphia Downtown
21 North Juniper Street
Philadelphia, PA**

July 31, 2008

A G E N D A

- 8:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast and Networking
- 8:30 a.m. **Welcome and Introductions**
- *Debra Miller, Director of Health Policy, The Council of State Governments*
 - *Thaddeus Kirkland, State Representative, Pennsylvania House of Representative, Chairman, Pennsylvania Legislative Black Caucus*
- 8:45 a.m. **Current Mental Health Issues Affecting our State**
- *Aidan Alternor, Director Community and Hospital Operations, Department of Public Welfare, Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse*
 - *Senator Vincent Hughes, State Senator, Pennsylvania State Senate*
- 9:45 a.m. **Importance of Early Diagnosis and Appropriate Care**
- *Jeffrey A. Nasser, President, Philadelphia Psychiatric Society*
 - *Representative John Myers, State Representative, Pennsylvania House of Representatives*
- 10:30 a.m. Break

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- 10:45 a.m. **The Impact of Inadequate Mental Health Care**
- *Gabriela Garcia, Health Policy Analyst, National Governors Association, Center for Best Practices*
 - *Representative Louise Bishop, State Representative, Pennsylvania House of Representatives*
 - *James W. Jordan, Executive Director, NAMI PA*
 - *Debbie Plotnick, Director of Advocacy, Mental Health Association of Southeastern PA*
- 11:45 p.m. Break
- 12:00 p.m. **Luncheon with Speaker**
- *Cory L. Rogers, Consumer Advocate, Mental Health Association of Southeastern PA*
- 1:15 p.m. Break
- 1:30 p.m. **Identifying Mental Health Emergencies on College Campuses and in the Community**
- *Jim Moran, Senior Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs, Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education*
 - *Representative Harold James, State Representative, Pennsylvania House of Representatives*
- 2:15 p.m. **Policies to Promote Mental Wellness**
- *Secretary Estelle B. Richman, Secretary, Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare*
- 2:45 p.m. **Final Comments and Evaluation**
- *Debra Miller, Director of Health Policy, The Council of State Governments*
- 3:00 p.m. Adjourn

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